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RHODE ISLAND CONVENTION.

Tuesday, June 11, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Rhode Island Convention held its annual meeting at High street Church, in Providence. Rev. Mr. REED, of Tiverton, was chosen Moderator, Rev. Mr. GOSWORTHY, of Scituate, Secretary, and Rev. Mr. LEVITT, of Pawtucket, Assistant Secretary.

The session was opened with prayer by the Moderator. Nearly all the churches were represented. The following brethren were present, as Delegates from foreign bodies, viz: Rev. Mr. Shepley, from General Conference of Maine; Rev. J. M. Putnam, from General Association of New Hampshire; Rev. Mr. Kidder, from General Convention of Vermont; Rev. C. D. Kittredge, from General Association of Massachusetts; Rev. Mr. Smith, from General Association of Connecticut; Rev. P. Field, from General Association of New York; Rev. Mr. Dumont, from General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.

Totid, to invite ministers present that belong to corresponding bodies, to sit and deliberate with us.

Rev. Messrs. Shepard, Blodgett, Dumont, Kittredge and Smith, were appointed a Committee of Overseers.

Rev. Messrs. Waterman, Granger, and brother Bourne, were appointed a Committee of Arrangements.

Committee of Overseers reported in part: 1. They nominated Rev. Messrs. Taylor, Putnam, and Kidder, a Committee on Narrative; 2. Committee of Finance, Rev. Mr. Fowler, Des. Richmond, and Rev. Mr. Blodgett; 3. Committee to nominate Delegates to Foreign Bodies, Rev. Dr. Tucker, Rev. Messrs. Shepard, Blodgett, and Des. Noyes; 4. Rev. Mr. Waterman, to write the Pastoral Letter for next year.

These several Committees nominated were chosen. Communications were received from the General Association of Michigan, soliciting a correspondence with this body. These communications were referred to our only object, who reported in favor of holding such correspondence. The General Association of Michigan embraces sixty churches.

Voted, to hold the next annual meeting of the Convention, at the Rev. Mr. Taylor's meeting-house, in Stateville.

Rev. Mr. WATERMAN was chosen preacher for the next year. Agents of the Peace, Tract, and Sunday School Societies addressed the Convention. The following resolutions were offered by Rev. T. SHEPARD, viz:

Resolved, That the cause of Peace is an important auxiliary in reclaiming mankind to God and preparing them for Heaven, and demands the united prayer and aid of the Christian community.

2. That in a body like the present, we deem it especially important in the prosecution of such an enterprise, to keep in view its sole object of abolishing the custom of international war, and not to allow any foreign enterprise to be blended or confounded with its only object.

3. That since the Gospel furnishes the only remedy for such an evil war, and since it can cause to exult in which it is the sole object of the duty of Christians to make such an application of its principles, persons, shall receive the actual abolition of international war, this custom in every land where Christianity prevails.

The following resolutions on the subject of Secem, were moved and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Convention have heard with deep interest the statements made respecting the Secem's cause, and would record their gratitude to Almighty God for the rich blessing with which he has followed efforts for the conversion of the sons of the ocean.

Resolved, That we look upon this cause, as a mighty instrument in reclaiming to Christ his dominions from the river to the ends of the earth, and commend it to the prayers and benevolence of our churches.

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